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the Entire Northeast Section  
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Every Working Day.

## THE CALEDONIAN-RECORD

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The Weather  
Fair tonight and Tuesday.  
Colder in Northern  
Maine tonight. Moderate  
west winds.

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# EX-SERVICE MEN TO END CRIME WAVE

## Deputy Sheriff Tells Story of Finding Of Body of Miss Shonio

(By Richard D. Howe)

HYDE PARK, Vt., Dec. 20—The trial of Arthur E. Mudgett, 37-year-old lumberman and "jack of all trades," charged with the brutal murder of Miss Amy Shonio, the pretty young factory girl, whose body was found on a lonely hillside in Johnson last August after she had been mysteriously missing from her boarding place for three days, entered upon the second week when court re-convened here at two o'clock. The slow progress of the trial, which was caused principally by the difficulty experienced in the selection of a jury, makes it appear as though the fate of the accused man will not be known until after the Christmas holidays.

The delay encountered in choosing 12 jurors to hear the evidence in the case, was not unexpected, but was considerably longer than was anticipated by the opposing counsel. Mudgett entered the courtroom today bearing the same calm, care-free attitude that he has held throughout the past week of his trial. The prisoner is allowed every reasonable privilege in jail, with the exception that he is not allowed to shave himself. Jailer Lee Elliott and

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## BIG CROWD EXPECTED AT VILLAGE CAUCUS

Movement to Make Perley F. Hazen Chairman of New Board

The village caucus at the St. Johnsbury Town hall at 7:30 tonight is sure to attract a large attendance of voters and unusual interest is shown in the prospective ticket to be nominated. There has been a strong sentiment throughout the village for drafting Perley F. Hazen for the chairman of the board and his name has been very favorably received. He was a most efficient member of the board of village trustees some years ago and is a man who commands the confidence and respect of all.

Ralph D. Sherry has been frequently mentioned as one that thoroughly understands our village needs and could bring to the position both judgment and experience. Other candidates mentioned have been Fred S. Harriman, a member of a former board, and Robert C. Stenerson of the B. and M. freight office. This is still the open season for candidates and there may be others at the caucus tonight.

## TREASURER OF POWDER CO. CHARGED WITH SHORTAGE

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 20—Charles F. Eastman, assistant treasurer of the Hercules Powder Company, was arrested today on the charge of embezzling securities from the company. The warrant was sworn out by the state's attorney after the officials of the company had said that Eastman had made the shortage good and that the company would not prosecute. The officials declared that Eastman took liberty bonds valued at about \$50,000 belonging to the corporation and used as margins in his stock transactions.

## WAGE REDUCTION AT THE ARNOLD PRINT WORKS

NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 20—A wage reduction of 22 1/2 per cent effective Dec. 27 was posted today at the Arnold Print works. The plant employs about 1500 hands.

## American Legion Elects Officers

At the annual meeting of the W. R. Knapp Post, No. 58, American Legion, Tuesday evening these officers were elected for the ensuing year: Post Commander, B. H. Daniels; Vice Post Commander, Ralph E. Howes; Finance Officer, John M. Gibson; Adjutant, Pearl Griggs; Historian, E. J. Lynch; Chaplain, J. E. Nelson; Sergeant at Arms, W. H. Clifford; War Risk Officer, Dr. J. P. Tierney; Post Employment Officer, Charles A. Hoernle; Athletic Committee, Raymond J. Leonard; Harold Caswell, John M. Gibson; executive committee, B. H. Daniels, Ralph E. Howes, J. M. Gibson, Pearl Griggs, Arthur W. Hawkins, H. A. Wilcox, Harold G. Powell.

## FORDNEY BILL IS REPORTED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—The House committee on ways and means have reported the Fordney emergency to protect the farmers of the United States and have instructed Chairman Fordney to use all possible efforts to get the bill passed before the Christmas recess. Lemons have been added to the tariff list with a duty of 1 1/2 cents a pound and the duty on peanut oil has been increased from 20 cents to 25 cents a gallon.

## GREAT RECEPTION TO CONSTANTINE

ATHENS, Dec. 20—Amid the thunder of cannon, the humming of airplanes and the roiling cheers of a great throng, Constantine of Greece entered Athens yesterday. His arrival was compared to Napoleon's return from Elba and tears of joy were seen flowing down the cheeks of people near his carriage. Immediately after alighting from the railroad train Constantine drove to the cathedral where all the bishops of Athens participated in a service. No foreign ministers were present during the welcoming ceremonies.

## WIFE OF RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR DIES SUDDENLY

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20—Mrs. E. Livingston Berckman, wife of the governor of Rhode Island, died suddenly of heart disease at White Sulphur Springs, Va., today. Mrs. Berckman before her marriage was Miss Eleanor Thomas of Zanesville, Ohio.

## POLICEMAN DRIVES OFF ROB- BERS AT CONCORD JUNCTION

CONCORD, Mass., Dec. 20—A sharp duel between a police officer, David Freeman, and three burglars, took place this morning when the officer surprised them in the act of breaking into the hardware store at Concord Junction. The men escaped through the Concord river marshes after they had fired six shots at the officer and he had sent 15 shots in the direction of the burglars. No one was injured.

## RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL COAL ASSN SUBPOENAED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20—The records in the headquarters of the National Coal association have been subpoenaed by the Senate committee on reconstruction and will be produced before the Senate committee in their open session Tuesday. The Senate committee took this unusual action after officers of the association had produced only a partial report to the committee. Senator Calder declared that he was satisfied that profiteering had been indulged in by the dealers and that the records and correspondence would be produced at Tuesday's hearing to substantiate his claims.

## RECEIVE NEWS OF JOHN LEBOURVEAU'S DEATH

News was received in Lyndonville at noon today of the death in Winter Haven, Florida, of John Lebourveau, formerly of Lyndonville. He was 58 years old and death was due to acute indigestion and heart trouble. He went to Florida a few years ago and bought an orange grove.

## "MERRY" XMAS WITHOUT FOOD OR WARM CLOTHING

Destitute Children in Caledonia Co. Homes Show Need of Charity

"Merry Christmas". The house was warm and cheerful, from the kitchen came the aroma of food steaming hot on the stove ready for the bountiful breakfast, "the kids" were dancing around the big Christmas tree by the open fireplace, or were gleefully opening their stockings that were lined crum full of pretty gifts.

That is the picture that brightens the homes of most of Caledonia county on Christmas morn.

But what a contrast. Let us take you to a few of the homes that our local Red Cross workers, Miss Lora Varney, has visited in the past few days and give you an idea of the Christmas that will be "celebrated" in some "homes."

In one so-called "home" is a wife and two children, a boy six and a girl, 8 years old. There is no heat in the single room that these three occupy. There is an old oil stove but with no wick and no oil. The mother is to have another baby, perhaps on Christmas Day. The husband was recently employed as a woodsman but lost his job. He is now working in the woods for a mere pittance.

The little family huddled in one room is without food, except what little the charity workers can provide with insufficient funds. The children are destitute of everything needed for warmth and decent comfort in clothing. They are without shoes.

Can you draw a picture of "Merry Christmas" in this "Home"?

In another family there is a man, a woman, a boy, 8 years old, a boy 5 years old, a baby three, and the mother is about to bear another child into the world. The children are all barefooted. The husband is a good worker but he earns small wages. The oldest boy is feeble-minded and the mother is slightly demented but not enough so that the State agents can take her family from her and care for them. The two younger children are almost destitute of clothing. The little boy has a school suit but when he gets home he takes it off to save it and dons an old potato sack. The faces of the two youngest are pinched and worn. They are prematurely aged.

What will "Merry Christmas" mean to this family?

In another home in Caledonia county is a mother and six children. The father is in an insane asylum. The mother is about to have another child. She takes in washings to bring what little sustenance the family is now getting. They are alone on a farm. Kind neighbors are doing their best to keep food in the house. This woman needs a money allowance or a weekly allowance at a store that will assure provisions for her family for the next six months when she must go through the burden of motherhood without any of

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## American Legion Offers 35,000 War Veterans To Stop New York Murders and Robberies

(By the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—The chairman of the American Legion county organization in Greater New York conferred with the commander of the National Legion today regarding plans for placing 35,000 ex-service men at the disposal of the New York police to help them combat crime. The plan, if adopted, will be submitted to Mayor Hyland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—The ever-Sunday lull in New York's wave of violence which has led many citizens to arm for self-protection, was broken today when two armed men descended on the Seamen's Mission on West street and escaped after adding another murder and robbery to the long list of recent atrocities.

Taking advantage of the fact that the mission was nearly deserted the two burglars entered unobserved, covered the mission clerk with revolvers and ordered him to turn over the contents of the safe which was about \$400.

At this time James Russell, 50 years old, entered the office. He attempted to interfere and was brought down with a shot. He died instantly. The burglars and murderer escaped.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20—Railroad stations in this section have been put under increased police guard and other precautions have been taken to guard against an influx of criminals from New York and other cities.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 20—When the officials of the Indianapolis National bank opened their doors this morning for business they discovered that some time Sunday robbers had broken into the bank and taken away a between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in cash.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 20—The Federal building was heavily guarded at noon today after the receipt of a third notice that the structure would



**4 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS**  
READ THE ADS  
PAYS TO ADVERTISE  
Randall and Whitcomb inserted an advertisement in the Caledonian-Record offering flashlights for sale at 99 cents. The sale started with the opening of the store at 8 o'clock Monday morning. At 10 o'clock 70 of the one hundred offered for sale had been sold. At noon only six were left of the 100.  
It pays to advertise.

**IRISH HOME RULE BILL AMENDMENTS**  
LONDON, Dec. 20—All the amendments made by the House of Commons on the Irish Home Rule bill were agreed upon by the House of Lords in their session today.

## Have Retail Prices Come Down?

From the Boston Transcript of Dec. 18.

"Much has been heard concerning the failure of the retailer to mark down the prices of his goods, although the wholesaler and the manufacturer have long since taken big losses."

We have been following the market closely and have been taking advantage of the wholesaler's and the manufacturer's losses. This explains how we have been able to give you the values we have, and why it was that our store was crowded from early Saturday morning 'til late Saturday night.

## The Public Is Looking for Bargains--Note These Prices

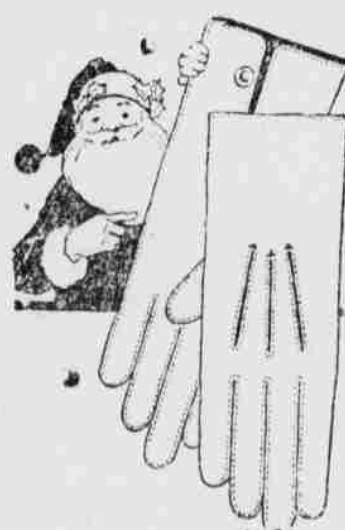
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Imported Silk Ties	\$1.85
\$1.00 "Yankee Knit" Silk Fibre Sox	98c
\$3.00 Shirts	\$2.00
All Sweaters	at 20 per cent off
All Bags	at 15 per cent off
All lined Gloves that sold for more than \$1.00	at 20 per cent off
All Bath Robes	at 25 per cent off
All Shoes marked down from \$1.50 to \$4.50 a pair	

Another ad. tomorrow. It will save you money.

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109 Eastern Avenue, St. Johnsbury

A little out of your way, but it pays to walk.



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Every pair in a special Christmas Box.

Splendid quality make of capes, tan, cordovan and gray \$3.00 to \$5.00

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**MAKE THIS AN ELECTRICAL XMAS**  
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES are GIFTS that benefit the whole family. There is a cozier touch to the breakfast table where coffee and toast are made ELECTRICALLY—and served piping hot.

Then too—there are electrical appliances that make the housework easier and quicker.

Lamps, Percolators, Grills, Irons, Heaters, Vacuum Cleaners, Washers, Iron Mangles.

All of our small appliances are priced specially for Christmas.

Toasters	from \$5.00 up
Coffee Percolators	from \$12.50 up
Grills	from \$13.50 up
Irons	from \$6.00 up
Heating Pads	from \$6.00 up
Heaters	from \$10.00 up

St. Johnsbury Wiring Co.

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**Collars-Neckwear-Sox  
Cuff Links--Handkerchiefs--Gloves--Fancy  
Vests--Sweaters--**

All are necessary parts of a Man's Dress.

Being exclusively a Man's Store this is the best place to buy the "fixin's."

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**Genuine Tubbs Make**

Specially Priced for this week as a Leader. Complete with Harness, None BETTER—Sizes 13x18 inches.

**Special Price, \$9.75**

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